



## TONG WAR IS THREATENED

### Portland Chinese Here on Wicked Errand

## LOCAL MAN IN HIDING

### Averred That Eight Celestials From Portland Are Armed

## THREATEN TO MAIM OR SLAY

### Trouble Seems to Have Arisen Out of Case in the Circuit Court—One Man Was Marked For Midnight, But he Escaped.

There was consternation among some of the Chinese citizens of Astoria last night over a threatened tong war.

So serious was the matter taken by several of the men, who felt that their lives were endangered, that they fled from their ordinary places of abode and went in hiding. According to them, the fates had decreed that death was to come to some one of the Chinese here last night.

Eight Chinese men arrived in Astoria from Portland on the morning train yesterday. They are tong men, it is declared, and there is more than one indication that they came here with the purpose in view of seeing that the contention between Ung Yon and Ung Fung, parties of the first part, and Sead You, party of the second party, was to be settled "right."

In Circuit Court yesterday before Judge McBride, Ung Yon and Ung Fung pleaded guilty to a charge of having assaulted Sead You with a deadly weapon. Each was fined \$50. The mysterious ins and outs of the story are difficult of comprehension by the ordinary western mind, but there was one thing very certain last night and that was that some of the Chinamen were very scared men.

Sead You is apparently the man the tong men are after. But it seems that the keen edge of their vengeance became somewhat blunted when it was learned that the two defendants in the criminal cases were only fined \$50 each; the comparatively light fine was a welcome surprise to the tong men. Nevertheless the tong men wanted to "see" Sead You last night and searched the town for him. One of them did not hesitate to tell a reporter for The Astorian that word had been left for Sead to "show up" before midnight, or the fate that would befall him would be even worse than he thought. But Sead didn't show up. He was in hiding.

That the Chinamen who came down from Portland yesterday are armed seems to be true. The tong wars are cruel things, for in them the Chinamen, usually so peaceable and quiet, become as vindictive as red Indians and human life is then held cheap.

Several of the local Chinese begged the Astorian reporter last night not to mention their names in connection with the matter, being fearful of the results.

The original cause of the present quarrel is not very clear. But the fact that Sead had two of the tong men arrested seems to have made him a marked man, and at midnight last night was the time set for him to cease to be, but it looks as if Sead took time by the forelock and safely hid to a place of safety.

## BASEBALL GAMES.

### American League.

At Detroit—Detroit 7, Philadelphia 3.

At Chicago—Chicago 3, New York 2.

At Cleveland—Cleveland 3, Washington 9.

At St. Louis—St. Louis 1, Boston 9.

### National League.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 2, Chicago 1.

At Boston—Boston 1, Pittsburg 6.

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 4, St. Louis 2.

### Pacific Coast League.

At Oakland—Oakland 3, Portland 2.

At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 6.

At Tacoma—Tacoma 6, Seattle 1.

## MEAT GOES SKYWARD

CHICAGO, June 16.—Housewives were called upon yesterday to dig deeper into their purses for dressed beef, lamb and pork loins, additional advances being about a half cent, a cent and two cents a pound respectively. Prevailing high quotations on stock on the hoof and a broadening of the outside demand for the manufactured products were held responsible for the upturn in the cuts. The price of artificial ice was increased from 35 to 40 cents a hundred pounds.

## A NEW N. P. BRIDGE

### The Longest Draw Span in the World

### WILL BE COMPLETED AUG. 1

### Immense Structure Across Willamette and Columbia Rivers Fast Nearing Completion—Draw Spans About All to be Finished.

PORTLAND, June 16.—Northern Pacific trains will be running into Portland over the immense steel bridges across the Columbia and Willamette rivers by August 1.

This statement was made this morning by Engineer Ralph Modjeski, under whose direction the structures are being erected. He said the bridges are fast nearing completion, and about all that remains to be done is the finishing of the draw spans.

The draw span in the bridge across the Willamette River is the longest in the world, being 581 feet. Engineer Modjeski is carefully watching its installation, as every piece of the great span will have to fit into its particular groove or it may prevent the successful operation of the draw.

Although the bridges will be ready by August 1 for traffic, it is not known whether at that time a regular schedule of trains will be installed. There has been difficulty encountered with the Harriman interests, who object to the Northern Pacific crossing the tracks of the O. R. & N. on the west side of the Willamette. It is hoped, however, that this difficulty will be settled by the time the bridges are finished, so that traffic will be unimpeded into the city over the Northern Pacific. Trains over the new road have been running into Vancouver since April 10.

The regular annual meeting of the Northern Pacific Terminal Company was held in the offices of the president, C. A. Dolph, yesterday. Usual reports were made, and directors for the coming year named. They are substantially the same as those who have served the year just closed.

President Dolph said today that the meeting transacted nothing but routine business and that the long-drawn-out litigation in which the rights of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad to gain an entrance into Portland over the terminal company's tracks was not discussed in any way.

## MISS MAY PARKER WINS ASTORIAN'S GRAND PRIZE

### The Second Prize, the Piano, Is Won by Miss Mary Fossett by Close Vote

## GREAT CONTEST CLOSURES WITH MUCH EXCITEMENT

### Promptly at 10 O'Clock the Contest Was Closed and the Judges Proceeded in the Counting of the Votes—Large Crowd Present to Witness the Results

## OTHER SUCCESSFUL CONTESTANTS RECEIVE FINE PREMIUMS

### FROM START TO FINISH THE ASTORIAN'S SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST HAS BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS—AND HAS BEEN CARRIED THROUGHOUT WITH GOOD NATURE AND FAIRNESS ON THE PART OF EVERYBODY.

Miss May Parker wins the Astorian's grand prize. Her total vote reached the great total of 1,223,568. Therefore, the Reo automobile goes to Miss Parker.

The second prize was won by Miss Mary Fossett. Her vote was 1,110,752 votes. The piano therefore goes to Miss Fossett.

The wonderfully big vote cast will be a surprise to every one. Great as was the vote, nevertheless the contest between the two leaders was close. The difference was only 112,816.

The other winners are as follows:

First District.	
First prize trip, Miss Rosie Nordstrom.....	125,702
Second prize scholarship, Miss Clara Larsen.....	88,773
Third prize gold watch, Miss Annie Bue.....	86,162

Second District.	
First prize trip, Miss May Dench.....	190,945
Second prize scholarship, Miss Lydia Yoder.....	59,674
Third prize gold watch, Miss Leah Gilbaugh.....	41,358

Third District.	
First prize trip, Miss Ella Powell.....	206,673
Second prize scholarship, Mrs. Arthur Hess.....	200,156
Third prize gold watch, Miss Edith Smith.....	112,859

Fourth District.	
First prize trip, Miss Olive Thompson.....	48,440
Second prize scholarship, Miss Elinor Williams.....	27,070
Third prize gold watch, Miss Ida Williamson.....	25,295

Fifth District.	
First prize trip, Miss Anna Sigurdson.....	47,042
Second prize scholarship, Miss Hazel Vannice.....	40,244
Third prize gold watch, Miss Nettie Utzinger.....	36,429

It was nearly 1 o'clock this morning before the judges completed the count, and this was a great disappointment to many who were anxiously awaiting the outcome. But because of the great number of votes cast and other matters that arose and had to be passed upon, the vote took much longer to count than had been anticipated.

The last few hours of the great contest was a time of suspense for many. Promptly at 10 o'clock the contest closed; no more votes were received after that hour. Hardly had the hour of 10 arrived before telephone messages began to come in asking if the vote had been counted and who the winner was. It seemed as if the whole town was interested in the outcome, and perhaps there has been more than one city election that did not create as much genuine interest as did the Astorian contest.

The moment that the vote was declared closed the judges commenced their work of counting, and it was no light task to go over the thousands of votes; yet because the vote had been kept tabulated and in perfect order it was possible to canvass it in reasonably short time, and it was calculated that the results would be known in an hour after the counting began. The judges were the following well known gentlemen: Mayor Herman Wise, Dr. J. M. Holt, and H. T. Minchew.

A curious crowd watched the judges as they canvassed the vote, and every remark that apparently indicated which way it was going attracted interest.

All day yesterday the outcome of the Astorian contest was the principal topic of conversation on the streets and in the homes of the city. "Who do you think will win the auto?" and "Do you think that she will get the piano?" were questions

heard a hundred times. It was not alone the young people who displayed the keenest interest, for many an elderly lady or gray-haired old man seemed to be as deeply interested as were some of the contestants themselves.

Of course everybody couldn't win. There was bound to be disappointment for some of the candidates, just as the winners are sure to be highly elated over the signal mark of high favor that has been shown them by their friends. For those who do not win, The Astorian can only say that it is sorry that it hasn't an auto or a piano for everyone of the candidates. It feels sure that they all deserve one, anyway.

The contest has been carried on with such good nature and fairness that all the contestants are to be congratulated, at least.

But there will be one long sigh of relief go up from the business office of the paper now that the contest is over. It meant work, and the hardest kind of work in the office.

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## A WOMAN IN THE CASE

FRESNO, Cal., June 16.—Late last night at a ranch near Fowler, her. The men quarreled over a woman. H. The men quarreled over a woman. Turpin was arrested. He claimed self-defense.

## SHAM BATTLE.

### New York Soldiers Will Engage in Practice.

NEW YORK, June 16.—If real war is what General Sherman said it is, mimic war is nearly as bad. So think the peaceful persons who dwell near Fort Hamilton, Segate, Bay Ridge, Bath and around there. Assisted by several regiments of the National Guard, the soldiers manning the forts which are designed to protect New York from an attack from the sea are engaging in practice which will include a mimic attack which will be repulsed by the forts.

The persons are informed that in the approaching sham battle the big guns in the fort, the coast defense artillery, are to be loaded with regular charges of powder. Even with small charges the vibration of the guns reports have done much damage to glassware, windows in homes, hotels and saloons thereabouts.

So cautious denizens near the bay are packing their crockery, glassware and electric light globes in crates and are bracing their walls. The war department set the example by bracing up old Fort Lafayette where much ammunition is stored, as if it fears the thunder of the big guns might shake down that ancient structure.

## JEROME'S ANSWER

### To Charges Filed Sent to Gov. Hughes

## HEADED BY WILLIAM KING

### Specifications Charge Jerome Threw Dice For a Dollar a Throw and the Drinks During Closing Hours of Thaw Trial.

NEW YORK, June 16.—Jerome's answer to three additional specifications in the charges filed against him by the committee headed by William F. King were sent to Gov. Hughes today. The specifications charge that Jerome threw the dice for a dollar a throw and the drinks during the closing hours of the Thaw trial; and that he advised E. R. Thomas, while under the indictment in the banking cases, to get another lawyer in the place of the one representing him and that he offered immunity to William R. Montgomery, the banker, under certain conditions. Jerome's answer was very lengthy.

## EUGENE PRINGLE DEAD

### CHICAGO, June 16.—A despatch to the Tribune from Jackson, Mich., says:

Eugene Pringle the oldest member and president of the Jackson County Bar, and for more than half a century prominent in Michigan politics, died at his home in this city last night of apoplexy.

Mr. Pringle was the man who conducted the Mass meeting at which the Republican party was formed in the western part of this city "under the Oak".

Twenty years after he deserted that party and became a democrat. Mr. Pringle was born in Otsego County, New York, in December, 1836.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—Eugene P. Murphy, who was the representative sent to take possession of Alaska in the name of the U. S. at the time that territory was purchased from Russia, died yesterday at his residence here aged 63 years.

Mr. Murphy, who was born in Albany, N. Y., graduated from West Point in 1867, and the year after receiving his commission, was sent on the mission to Alaska. He retired from the army to enter civil life as a merchant in this city in 1871.

## CONVENTION ENTHUSIASM

### Opened at Noon Yesterday

## COLISEUM IS PACKED

### Senator Burrows' Speech at the Mention of Roosevelt's Name Starts the Cheers

## WISCONSIN FOR LA FOLLETTE

### Names of Taft and Root Also Send Cheers Ringing From Gallery to Gallery in the Big Convention Hall.

CHICAGO, June 16.—Amid scenes and stirring enthusiasm the republican convention of 1908 began with deliberations at noon today in the presence of the assemblage of more than 14,000 with the sounds of patriotic airs alternating with the frenzied shouts of Roosevelt, Taft and other popular heroes. The first tocsin in the struggle was the graceful oratory of the Michigan senator, J. C. Burrows, whose speech initiated the formalities which started this momentous gathering into motion. The opening session lasted less than two hours and was less notable for the business accomplished than for the opportunity afforded seeing again this stirring picture of the people assembled every corner in the country to select the candidate for president. The actual work was quickly accomplished and tonight the various committees are preparing for the more important business to come.

Early in the day all the roads in Chicago turned toward the huge stone pile called the Coliseum. Here centered the convention throngs conspicuous among which the Ohio delegation with a huge silk banner bearing the portrait of Secretary Taft. At the front and in the rear of the great building was besieged by a steady stream of humanity, until at noon almost every seat in the structure was occupied and great crowds stood outside to catch the echoes from within. Just as the opening hour arrived, the Ohio delegation swung down the middle aisle bearing aloft the big Taft banner.

"Taft, Taft," went up from thousands of throats as the well known face of the secretary-candidate was borne to the front. Cheer after cheer re-echoed from floor to gallery and back again, and for a time Chairman New was unable to proceed with the opening formalities.

Again Wisconsin stirred the echoes with real college yell, which sounded through the building and exploded with a final "Rah, Rah, Rah, Wisconsin!" closing it all with the cry "La Follette."

It was not until 12:18 that Chairman New stilled the tumult and with brief formalities introduced the temporary presiding officer of the convention, Senator Burrows. The venerable senator stepped forward, with a ponderous roll of manuscript in his hand. Slowly the confusion died away and he began to speak. The first words were audible bearing five feet away, but he gradually warmed to the subject and the well rounded sentences carried to the remotest corners. But it was not the speech calculated to set the blood tingling. Not until the senator made the first men-

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